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RAISING OF PLATFORMS WITH SAFETY FUND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry propose to raise the platforms of the small railway stations in the country and also to extend their length;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)&(b): The length of platforms are provided/ extended based on length of longest stopping train at the station. The height of the platforms is provided as per the laid down norms of the Minimum Essential Amenities. Deficiencies, if any, in this regard are reviewed annually and such works are accordingly proposed in Annual Works Programme. At some stations, the length of the platform is less than the prescribed norms. This is mostly unavoidable because of the space constraints imposed by the yard layout. However, such platforms are also extended whenever yards are remodelled for operational requirements.

Works of raising/extension of Platforms are done primarily under Planhead `Passenger Amenities`. The details of major works in progress and new works approved for the current year at various Railway stations are included in the `Works, Machinery and Rollling Stock Programme, Part-II` presented to the Parliament along with the Railway Budget Documents.

The expenditure under the Planhead `Passenger Amenities` during 2001-02 was Rs. 168.9 crore and it is likely to be Rs. 200.1 crore during 2002-03.

(c): Does not arise.